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THE RHINO!

HYDRO-MAN!

SPEED DEMON!

THE BEETLE!

...SHEESH...

BOOM-ERANG!

WARRIORS CLASH!

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SPIDER-MAN

GET READY FOR NON-STOP ACTION IN THE MIGHTY MARVEL TRADITION!

"WHEN WARRIORS CLASH--!"

LAST ISSUE: TO HELP HIS FRIEND FLASH THOMPSON PAY FOR HIS LEGAL COSTS, SPIDER-MAN AGREED TO WORK FOR SILVER SABLE, THE WORLD-FAMOUS BOUNTY HUNTER, WHO WAS ON THE TRAIL OF JACK O'LANTERN! ACTING ON A TIP, THEY JOURNEYED TO CONEY ISLAND PARK, AND THEN...

YOU CAME LOOKING FOR JACK O'LANTERN, BUT ENDED UP WITH THE SINISTER SYNDICATE!

FACE IT, KIDDIES! THIS AIN'T GONNA BE ONE OF YER BETTER DAYS!

YOU'RE DEAD!

WE'VE JUST BEEN SOFTENING YOU UP! NOW IS WHEN THE FUN REALLY BEGINS--!

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HIRING US WAS THE SMARTEST MOVE JACK O'LANTERN EVER MADE!

YOU TWO HAVE LED US ON QUITE A MERRY CHASE!

IT'S ALMOST A PITY THAT IT IS FINALLY OVER!

I HOPE YOU DON'T EXPECT *US* TO REFUND YOUR ADMISSION PRICE!

THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME FOR LEVITY, SPIDER-MAN! YOU'VE INJURED YOUR ARM, AND I'VE APPARENTLY SPRAINED BOTH ANKLES!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET *THAT* SPOIL AN OTHERWISE PERFECT EVENING, ARE YOU?

OF COURSE NOT! I'M MUCH MORE WORRIED ABOUT OUR *HOSTS*--

"--I'M AFRAID THERE ISN'T A DECENT REWARD TO BE CLAIMED ON ANY OF THEM!"

MISS SABLE, I AM CERTAIN THAT WILL CHANGE AS SOON AS THE WORLD LEARNS HOW EASILY THE *SINISTER SYNDICATE* DESTROYED YOU TWO!

BUT THEN, SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT WARNING...

AW, SHUT UP!!

FWOOM

UGN! BEING ATTACKED FROM BEHIND!

WHO COULD HAVE DONE THAT TO THE *BEETLE*?!

YOU'VE GOT EYES, BOOMERANG! *USE THEM!*

SPIDER-MAN, DO YOU RECOGNIZE OUR MYSTERIOUS SAVIOR?

I'M AFRAID I DO...

GET AWAY FROM THE WEB-SWINGER AND THE BROAD! I'M WARNING YA--!

LEAVE 'EM ALONE, OR GET TRASHED BY...*THE SANDMAN!*

WHAT'S THE SANDMAN DOING HERE? I HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE THAT HE HAD RETIRED FROM CRIME!

STOP THAT FOOL BEFORE HE RUINS EVERYTHING!

WITH PLEASURE!

I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF OLD SCORES TO SETTLE WITH THIS BUM!

YOU ALWAYS DID HAVE A BIG MOUTH, *HYDRO-MAN!*

LET ME CLOSE IT FOR YA!

SPWASH!

DON'T KNOW WHERE SANDY POPPED UP FROM--OR WHY HE'S HELPING US--BUT, MY FIRST PRIORITY IS GETTING SILVER TO SAFETY!

CAN YOU WALK, LADY?

I CAN MANAGE LET'S FIND SOME COVER.

YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR STICKING YOUR BIG, FAT NOSE INTO OUR PRIVATE BUSINESS!

NOBODY--NOT EVEN YOU--CAN WITHSTAND THE MATCHLESS POWER OF *THE RHINO!*

YOU GOT ME QUAKING, PAL!

TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T REALIZE THAT I CAN INSTANTLY MAKE MY BODY ALL SOFT AND SANDY!

HYDRO-MAN! *LOOK OUT!* CAN'T STOP MYSELF!

=UFF=

THESE CLOWNS DON'T REALIZE THAT I LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND CAME RUNNING WHEN I HEARD ALL THE COMMOTION!*

*SEE LAST ISSUE--OWZ!

I DON'T GIVE A HANG ABOUT SPIDER-MAN -- THOUGH I WASN'T TOO CRAZY ABOUT THE ODDS AGAINST HIM!

I JUST HATE HYDRO-MAN AND COULDN'T RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY TO SCREW THINGS UP FOR HIM AND HIS PALS!

UH-OH! MORE TROUBLE'S HEADING MY WAY!

NOT FAR AWAY...

THIS NIGHT HAS BEEN A TOTAL DISASTER! WE CAN'T MAKE A PROFIT HERE.

LET'S GO HOME!

WHAT ABOUT THE SANDMAN?

WHAT ABOUT HIM? WHILE I APPRECIATE HIS HELP, I DIDN'T REQUEST IT, NOR DO I EXPECT TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR IT!

BUT, IT WOULD BE WRONG TO RUN OUT ON HIM!

HE'S A BIG BOY! HE KNEW THE RISKS!

AS LONG AS YOU'RE WORKING FOR ME, YOU'LL OBEY MY ORDERS!

WE'LL SAVE THIS ARGUMENT FOR LATER!

WE'VE GOT TO MOVE! *NOW!!*

YOU MISSED HIM, BOOMERANG!

IT'S UNCANNY THE WAY HE MANAGED TO AVOID MY BLASTERANG!

IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE KNEW WE WERE COMING!

MEANWHILE, SOMEWHERE IN MANHATTAN . . .

THE *SINISTER SYNDICATE* IS CHARGING ME A SMALL FORTUNE TO ELIMINATE *SABLE!*

WHY DIDN'T YOU LET US HANDLE HER, BOSS?

THAT WOMAN IS FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN SHE APPEARS!

I THOUGHT IT MUCH MORE COST-EFFECTIVE TO LEAVE HER EXECUTION TO OUTSIDERS, WHILE WE PURSUED MORE LUCRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS!

UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T HAVE ANY WORK!

DANGER: EXPLOSIVES

THE LOCAL CRIME-LORDS DO NOT FULLY APPRECIATE MY UNIQUE SKILLS!

A CRIME SO BOLD, SO DARING THAT IT'S GUARANTEED TO ATTRACT MAJOR NOTICE!

TAKE IT FROM ME, BOYS! THE JOB OFFERS WILL COME FLOODING IN!

THEY THINK OF ME AS MERE MUSCLE FOR HIRE-- A SIMPLE COSTUMED ENFORCER!

THEY DON'T REALIZE THAT I AM A MASTER CRAFTSMAN--*AN ARTIST*--IN THE FIELD OF TERRORISM!

WELL, I'LL SHOW THEM!

A FREE DEMONSTRATION OF MY TALENTS!

EVERY CRIMELORD IN THIS CITY WILL SOON BE BIDDING FOR THE SERVICES OF *JACK O'LANTERN!*

JUST THEN, AT THE EDITORIAL OFFICES OF THE *DAILY BUGLE*...

DAILY BUGLE

HERE'S YOUR PAPER, MR. JAMESON!

TOMORROW'S MORNING EDITION!

HERE YA GO SIR! THE PAPERS STILL WARM!

THAT'S THE BEST PART, MY BOY! THE *BEST* PART!

HARRUMPH! ANOTHER FEATURE ARTICLE ON THE HOBGOBLIN?!

HE'S OLD NEWS! WHY IS ROBBIE STILL WASTING INK ON HIM?

LIGHT'S STILL ON IN ROBBIE'S OFFICE!

EDITOR IN CHIEF

MAYBE I CAN ASK HIM ABOUT THAT NOW!

YOU'RE WORKING LATE TONIGHT. EVERYTHING OKAY?

HI, JONAH! GUESS I WAS A LITTLE TOO PREOCCUPIED TO NOTICE THE TIME.

WHAT'S UP?

IT'S THIS HOBGOBLIN BUSINESS--SOMETHING DOESN'T SMELL RIGHT ABOUT IT!

LIKE WHAT? THE POLICE ALREADY HAVE HIM IN CUSTODY!

IT'S THAT *THOMPSON* KID!

YES, THEY'VE BUILT A PRETTY CONVINCING CASE AGAINST HIM... ALMOST *TOO* CONVINCING!

I JUST KEEP STARING AT THESE PICTURES WHICH WERE TAKEN ON THE DAY HE WAS CAPTURED, AND... *HEY!!*

WHAT IS IT, ROBBIE? WHAT'S WRONG?

THE ANSWER'S BEEN RIGHT HERE ALL ALONG!

THESE PICTURES MAY PROVE THAT FLASH THOMPSON IS *NOT* THE HOBGOBLIN!

AND, BACK AT CONEY ISLAND PARK...

THBOOM!

RHINO, WAIT! REMEMBER HIS POWER--!

SANDMAN! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YER STUPID TRICKS!

I'M GONNA PULVERIZE YA!

DON'T WORRY, HYDRO-MAN! I'LL BE HAPPY TA REMIND HIM OF IT--

-- JUST AS SOON AS I RE-SHAPE MY BODY INTA A *ROCK-HARD TANK!*

STAND ASIDE, KIDDIES! I'M GONNA CRUSH THIS CORNY COSTUMED CLOWN!

DON'T MAKE FUN'A ME!

THE ONLY THING I HATE *MORE'N* LOOKIN' LIKE A HUMAN RHINO IS PEOPLE WHO MAKE FUN'A ME!

PWOOM!

I DID IT!

I SMASHED HIM INTA A LISELESS CLOUD OF SAND!

THAT YOU DID, PAL!

IT'S NOW UP TO THE *SPEED DEMON* TO KEEP HIM THAT WAY!

BY RUNNING IN A CIRCLE AT SUPER SPEED, I CAN CREATE A WIND TUNNEL THAT WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO RE-FORM HIMSELF!

YAAAGH!!

BEETLE! DID YOU HEAR THAT AWFUL SCREAM?

HOPE IT WASN'T ONE OF OUR GUYS!

FORGET IT, BOOMERANG! NOTHING WE COULD DO ABOUT IT ANYWAY!

WE WERE HIRED TO TERMINATE SILVER SABLE!

OUR REPUTATIONS ARE RIDING ON THIS JOB!

WE CAN'T LET ANYTHING DISTRACT US FROM IT!

WE'RE SAFE FOR NOW! HOW YOU FEELING?

I'VE BEEN BETTER!

I'VE GOT A PLAN! YOU STAY HERE, AND I'LL MAKE SURE THOSE TWO JOKERS DON'T COME BACK THIS WAY!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE FOOLING?

YOU'RE GOING BACK FOR THE SANDMAN! WHY?

HE'S IN TROUBLE!

WHY SHOULD THAT CONCERN YOU?

I CAN'T DESERT HIM AFTER THE WAY HE HELPED US!

HE'S NOT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

THINK ABOUT YOURSELF! YOU'RE WORKING FOR ME BECAUSE YOU NEED THE MONEY!

MAYBE SO...

BUT, I CAN'T LET THAT STOP ME FROM DOING WHAT'S RIGHT!

STUPID DUMB AMATEUR! HE'S BOUND TO GET HIM-SELF KILLED!

RIGHT ANKLE'S NOT TOO BAD!

LEFT ONE NEEDS A SPLINT, THOUGH!

--I'LL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR WRAP-ING IT.

÷UGNN÷ IT'S REAL PAINFUL, BUT, AT LEAST FUNCTION-AL!

I JUST HOPE SPIDER-MAN CAN HOLD OUT UNTIL I ARRIVE!

I DON'T WANT HIM DYING ON ME!

I'D BE HELD RESPONSIBLE, AND HIS HEIRS WOULD CERTAINLY SUE!

ELSEWHERE, AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP, FLASH! AS YOUR LAWYER, I HONESTLY BELIEVE--
DANGER HI VOLTAGE
SAVE THE PHONEY OPTIMISM FOR THE COURTROOM, SHARON! I AIN'T BUYING IT!
WE MAY BOTH KNOW THAT THE REAL HOBGOBLIN FRAMED ME TO TAKE THIS FALL--
--BUT THE POLICE STILL HAVE ALL THE EVIDENCE THEY NEED TO HANG ME!
WHAT DOES IT MATTER, ANYWAY?
I'M A NOTHING--A NOBODY! JUST LOOK AT THE WAY I'VE MANAGED TO SCREW UP MY OWN LIFE--AND THE LIVES OF EVERYONE AROUND ME!
MAYBE I'D BE BETTER OFF IN JAIL!
STOP IT, THOMPSON! I DON'T WANT YOU WALKING INTO A COURTROOM WITH THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE!
I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE THIS CASE!
I HATE LOSING! IT MAKES ME LOOK BAD!
BWOOM!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
WEE-EEEE
SOUNDED LIKE AN EXPLOSION!
HEY! WHAT'S WITH ALL THAT COMMOTION DOWN THE HALL?!
STOP THAT LUNATIC! HE BLASTED A HOLE THROUGH THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING!
I INTEND TO DO A LOT MORE DAMAGE THAN THAT, MY FRIEND!
THERE! THAT GAS GRENADE SHOULD KEEP YOU BUSY FOR THE NEXT FEW MOMENTS!
I HEAR OTHER GUARDS RACING TOWARD ME!

GOOD! I WANT PLENTY OF PEOPLE TO SEE ME!

AFTER ALL, I'M ONLY DOING THIS FOR PUBLICITY!

PWAM!

YOU! HOBGOBLIN! YOU'RE THE ONE I WANT!

M-ME?!

MOVE AWAY FROM THOSE BARS!

HURRY! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!

B-ZAT!

I'M YOUR TICKET TO FREEDOM!

DON'T GO WITH HIM, FLASH! IT'LL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE—UNN—

SHUT UP, WOMAN!

SHARON!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT GAME YOU'RE PLAYING, MISTER, BUT IF YOU'VE HURT HER--!

IS THIS THE THANKS I GET FOR SPRINGING YOU?

WHY DID THIS FOOL ATTACK ME?

DOESN'T HE WANT TO BE RESCUED?!

BWOOM!

CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW! I'VE ALREADY INVESTED TOO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT TO COME AWAY EMPTY!

DANGER
HI VOLTAGE

I JUST HOPE WE CAN SORT EVERYTHING OUT LATER!

BRINGGG!

PHONE CALL, BOSS!

THANK YOU, MR. JOHNSTON.

YES, THIS IS THE *ROSE*.

REALLY? THAT'S VERY INTERESTING. THANK YOU FOR CALLING.

SOMETHING IMPORTANT?

INDEED! THAT WAS ONE OF MY INFORMANTS ON THE POLICE FORCE WITH A BIT OF NEWS WHICH YOU, MY FRIEND, WILL FIND OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.

NOT TEN MINUTES AGO, JACK O'LANTERN BROKE FLASH THOMPSON OUT OF JAIL.

WHAT?!

THAT INTERFERING FOOL! HE'S RUINED EVERYTHING!

I WAS USING THOMPSON TO KEEP THE POLICE OCCUPIED WHILE THE TWO OF US CONTINUED TO EXPAND OUR CRIMINAL EMPIRE!

MY DEAR HOBGOBLIN, PERHAPS WE CAN USE THIS TO OUR ADVANTAGE.

HOW?

WHAT IF THOMPSON WERE *KILLED* BEFORE HE COULD BE RECAPTURED?

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, ROSE! YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING!

THE AUTHORITIES WOULD BE CONVINCED THAT THE HOBGOBLIN WAS DEAD!

THE HEAT WILL BE PERMANENTLY OFF ME!

AND, THIS WILL ALSO GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH THAT UPSTART JACK O'LANTERN A LESSON--

--THAT HE'LL *NEVER* RECOVER FROM!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

MEANWHILE...

SO! YA FINALLY MANAGED TO PULL YERSELF TOGETHER!

IT'S ABOUT TIME! I'VE BEEN ACHIN' TO LAY INTO YA MYSELF!

YA SHOULDA LEFT WELL ENOUGH ALONE, HYDRO-MAN!

YA JUST AIN'T IN MY LEAGUE!

SAYS WHO?! WE'VE BEEN FIGHTIN' EVER SINCE WE FIRST MET!

MAYBE IT'S TIME WE FINALLY FOUND OUT WHO'S STRONGER--

--THE OCEAN, OR THE SAND IT POUNDS UPON?!

I GOT A HUNCH YA AIN'T GONNA LIKE THE ANSWER!

PWAM!

FW

AK!

I HEARD YA QUIT BEIN' THE SANDMAN!

WHY'D YA CHOOSE TONIGHT FOR YER COMEBACK?!

IT'S BECAUSE I SAW YOU AGAIN!

THE TWO OF US ARE REAL SIMILAR!

YER LIKE A DARK, UGLY TWIN!

SEEING YOU AGAIN IS LIKE LOOKING IN A BROKEN, DISTORTED MIRROR!

PWOM!

UGNN

YOU REMIND ME A THE WAY I USED TA BE...BITTER, BRUTAL, UNCARING!

PWAP! PWAP! PWAP!

I HATE REMEMBERIN' THE OLD ME!

I HATE YOU FOR MAKIN' ME REMEMBER!

YER JUST LUCKY I CHANGED!

OTHERWISE, YA WOULDN'T STILL BE BREATHIN'!

WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

I DON'T DARE TACKLE THE SANDMAN ALONE!

PLEASE SEE TO OUR GUEST'S COMFORT!

HE MAY NOT BE IN A VERY GOOD HUMOR WHEN HE AWAKES!

NO SWEAT, BOSS! I'LL KEEP A SHARP EYE ON HIM!

I WISH I KNEW WHAT GAME HOBGOBLIN'S PLAYING!

WHY DIDN'T HE WANT TO BE RESCUED?

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT HE TURNED STATE'S EVIDENCE?

WHAT'S HE AFRAID OF?

JACK O'LANTERN!!

YOU ARE A STUPID, INTERFERING, BUMBLING BUFFOON!

THE HOBGOBLIN?!

BUT, HOW--?!?

HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED THE TRUTH?

YOU FREED THE WRONG MAN!

THOMPSON WAS MERELY A PAWN IN A MUCH LARGER GAME--WHICH YOU HAVE RUINED!

NO NEED TO GET SO UPSET!

IT WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE!

ONE WHICH WILL PROVE VERY INCONVENIENT TO ME--AND *FATAL* TO YOU!

HE'S MOVING SO FAST ON THAT BLASTED *POGO PLATFORM*--RICHOCHETING OFF WALLS AND CEILING--THAT I CAN'T HIT HIM!

CONEY ISLAND...

KWOOM!

SABLE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

YOU'RE BADLY INJURED!

I DON'T NEED ANY EXCUSES FOR FAILURE, SPIDER-MAN! MY GOAL IS SURVIVAL!

YOU'VE FOUGHT BOOMERANG AND THE BEETLE BEFORE! ANY TIPS?

KNOCK OUT THE BEETLE'S ANTENNAE! THEY CONTROL HIS POWER SYSTEMS!

THANKS!

BARELY DODGED BOOMERANG'S LAST MISSILE!

=UGNN= ALL THIS LEAPING ABOUT ISN'T DOING MY ANKLES ANY GOOD! THE PAIN IS INCREDIBLE, BUT--

"--I HAD TO GET INTO THE PROPER POSITION TO THROW MY *CHAIS!*"

B-ZAPP!

IMPRESSIVE, WOMAN!

YOU'VE MANAGED TO DENY ME THE USE OF MY ELECTRO-BLASTS!

A PITY THAT ISN'T MY ONLY WEAPON!

I RECENTLY RE-DESIGNED MY BATTLE SUIT SO THAT MY STRENGTH BOOSTERS WEREN'T CONNECTED TO MY OTHER POWER SYSTEMS!

YOUR DEATH WILL BE ALL THE MORE PAINFUL NOW!

RIPPP!

PRWOOM!!!

MIDTOWN...

WHAT THE--?!

MY PLAYMATE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT I'VE BEEN FAKING UNCONSCIOUSNESS FOR THE PAST FEW MOMENTS!

DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, OR WHY I WAS KIDNAPED--

KWOKK!

--BUT I'M SURE I AIN'T GONNA LIKE THE ANSWERS!

GOT TO MOVE!

I'D REALLY HATE TO RUN INTO PUMPKIN-PUSS AGAIN!

THIS HAT AND COAT I FOUND IN THE ROOM MAY COME IN HANDY!

HAD TO MOVE THE FIGHT OUTDOORS WHERE I HAD MORE ROOM TO MANEUVER!

HOBGOBLIN, YOU'RE TAKING THIS ALL MUCH TOO PERSONALLY!

AM I?

YOU DON'T FOOL ME, JACK O'LANTERN!

YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO REPLACE ME IN THE UNDERWORLD --TO MUSCLE IN ON MY OPERATIONS--EVER SINCE YOU HEARD ABOUT MY ALLEGED ARREST!

THE FOOL DOESN'T REALIZE THAT THIS TRIGGER ACTIVATES A COMPUTERIZED BARRAGE OF ELECTRO-BLASTS!

HE'S ALMOST IN POSITION--!

NOW!!

PZAP!

PZAP!

PZAP!

=UGNN=

GOTCHA!!
YOU WERE SO BUSY WITH SILVER SABLE THAT YOU FORGOT ALL ABOUT ME!
=UFF=
YOU MUST HAVE ONE HECK OF AN EXCEDRIN HEADACHE AFTER THE WAY SHE SHATTERED YOUR ANTENNAE!
YOU'LL FEEL MUCH BETTER AFTER A LONG NAP!
THERE! THAT SHOULD HELP YOU SLEEP!
THUNKK!!
NIGHTY-NIGHT, BEETLE! THIS IS WHERE I GET OFF!
UH-OH! MY TRUSTY SPIDER SENSE IS WARNING ME OF DANGER FROM ABOVE!
BWOOM!!
NICE TRY, BOOMERANG! TOO BAD YOJ MISSED!
ONE OF MY BOOMERANGS IS BOUND TO GET YOU EVENTU-ALLY, WEB-SWINGER!
EVEN YOU CAN'T MAINTAIN THIS PACE FOREVER!
HE'S RIGHT! I'M ALREADY STARTING TO TIRE!
=UGNN= THE SANDMAN REALLY WASTED ME!
GOTTA PICK MY TARGETS MORE CAREFULLY FROM NOW ON!
I'LL STICK TO THE EASIER ONES, LIKE THAT WOMAN--!
I'VE GOT YOU NOW, SPIDER-MAN!
THWIPP
HEY!!
DO YOU?
AND I THOUGHT I HAD YOU!
HA! THIS IS EVEN EASIER THAN I THOUGHT!
THE WOMAN DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE!
HOPE YOU DON'T MIND THAT I USED YOUR OWN WEAPON TO YANK YOU TOWARD ME!
C-CAN'T BREATHE! I'M DROWNING--!

HA! HA! HA!

YOU'RE FINISHED, JACK O'LANTERN!

'THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK--!

BAROOM!!

ARRGHH!!

STUNNED BY THE UNEXPECTED CONCUSSION BOMB, HOBGOBLIN MOMENTARILY LOSES CONTROL OF HIS BAT-GLIDER, AND...

KBWASH!

=UNN= DAZED! NEED TIME TO RECOVER!

H-HOW...DID YOU EVER SURVIVE MY COMPUTERIZED BARRAGE?

I WEAR THIS OUTLANDISH COSTUME FOR A HOST OF REASONS!

ONE IS THAT IT'S HEAVILY ARMORED!

SO MUCH FOR BRAVADO! I THINK HIS LAST ONSLAUGHT SHATTERED A FEW OF MY RIBS!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH!

THERE'S NOTHING TO GAIN BY FURTHER BATTLE, HOBGOBLIN! I'M LEAVING!

YOU CAN HAVE FLASH THOMPSON IF YOU WANT HIM!

FAREWELL FOR NOW! I'M CERTAIN OUR PATHS ARE DESTINED TO CROSS IN THE FUTURE!

YES, BUT ONLY ONE OF US WILL SURVIVE THE NEXT ENCOUNTER!

SILVER--!

HYDRO-MAN'S KILLING HER, AND THERE'S NO WAY I CAN REACH HER IN TIME!

UNLESS--!

HANG LOOSE, COWBOY! YOU'RE GOING FOR A RIDE!

MUST AIM HIM PERFECTLY! I WON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE!

OH, NO! THE RHINO'S BEARING DOWN ON ME!

SILVER WILL DIE IF I LEAP TO SAFETY NOW!

GOTTA STAND MY GROUND UNTIL I CAN RELEASE BOOMERANG AT THE PROPER ANGLE--

"--EVEN IF IT MEANS TAKING A HIT!"

KWAM!

WHAT THE--?!

HYDRO'S MOMENTARILY DISTRACTED!

NOW'S MY CHANCE--!

BREAKING FREE, THE DARING BOUNTY-HUNTER RACES INTO A NEARBY AMUSEMENT PARK BUILDING, DESPERATELY SEARCHING FOR ANYTHING SHE CAN USE AS A WEAPON...

THIS FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAY DO THE TRICK!

PLOOSH!

YEOW! THAT FOAM IS MIXING INTA ME! BECOMIN' A PART OF ME!

IT'S MAKIN' ME FEEL QUEASY! NAUSEOUS!

ULPP I THINK I'M GONNA BE SICK!

H-HE REALLY CLOBBERED ME! HEAD'S POUNDING! VISION'S CLOUDED!

I ALWAYS DREAM'A THIS DAY, SPIDER-MAN! YOU'RE HELPLESS! *BEATEN!*

I'M REALLY GOING TO ENJOY POUNDING YA INTA MEAT SAUCE...*HEY!!*

BTOOM!

HOW'D I MISS YA? YER BARELY ALIVE! CAN'T EVEN STAND STRAIGHT!

BUT, THOUGH ANY OTHER MAN WOULD HAVE LONG SINCE CRUMBLED IN DEFEAT, SPIDER-MAN STRIKES BACK!

TEETERING ON THE EDGE OF CONSCIOUSNESS, HE FIGHTS ON AND **ON**, REFUSING TO SURRENDER!

SUCH IS THE SPIRIT WHICH FLARES WITHIN HIM!

SUCH IS HIS WILL TO SURVIVE!

MOVING INSTINCTIVELY, GUIDED BY HIS UNCANNY SPIDER-SENSE, HE DROWNS HIS FOE IN A SEA OF UNRELENTING FURY!

CAN'T ANYTHING STOP THAT GUY?

SPIDER-MAN'S OUT ON HIS FEET--FIGHTING ON GUTS ALONE--AND HE'S STILL KILLING THE RHINO!

I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE ...*HEY!* WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE GROUND?

IT'S *MOVING*... AS IF IT WERE ALIVE!

WHATSAMATTER, PAL? DID YOU FORGET ALL ABOUT THE *SANDMAN*?

SPIDER-MAN DIDN'T CUT OUT ON ME, SO I COULDN'T ON HIM!

OH, *NO! NO!!*

NEARBY, AT THAT EXACT MOMENT...

STOP IT! LEAVE THE RHINO ALONE! I'M WARNING YOU--!

CONVERTING HIS ENTIRE BODY INTO A MASSIVE WAVE, HYDRO-MAN SMASHES SPIDER-MAN AWAY FROM THE FALLEN RHINO...

S-SILVER, LOOK OUT--!

FORGET ABOUT ME, SPIDER-MAN!

GET BACK ON YOUR FEET! WE HAVE TO REGROUP--*NOW!!* BEFORE THEY CAN RENEW THEIR ATTACK!

THIS IS INSANE! WE'VE HIT THEM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT, AND THEY KEEP COMING BACK!

WE'D BETTER SPLIT BEFORE THEY END UP KILLING *US!* WE'RE ALREADY HALF-CRIPPLED!

CAN YOU CREATE A FINAL DISTRACTION?

I CAN TRY!

KBWAM!

ONE THING'S FOR SURE-- I DON'T WANNA TANGLE WITH SPIDER-MAN NO MORE!

I'VE GOT SPEED DEMON!

THIS HAS BEEN A MAJOR SET-BACK, BUT THE SINISTER SYNDICATE WILL RETURN!

GOOD RIDDANCE! I AIN'T SORRY TO SEE THEM LEAVE!

I AM! I DON'T MAKE MONEY WHEN THE BAD GUYS GET AWAY...

SOMETHING WRONG, LADY? ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD!

WHAT HAPPENED--?!

H-HE...COLLAPSED ...JUST AS SOON AS THE FIGHT ENDED!

MANY MINUTES LATER...

FEELING ANY BETTER? YOU WERE REALLY LAID OUT!

NOTHING A CASELOAD OF EXTRA-STRENGTH ASPIRIN, AND A HEAD TRANSPLANT COULDN'T CURE!

SILVER, ABOUT THAT MONEY YOU OWE ME...

WHAT MONEY? YOU *QUIT*, REMEMBER?

B-BUT--

MR. SANDMAN, I WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH YOUR ABILITIES, AND I OFTEN EMPLOY FREELANCE OPERATIVES...

REALLY? TELL ME MORE

AND SO...

THOSE TWO HAVE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME! MAY AS WELL HEAD HOME!

THWIPP

WHAT A NIGHT! I RISKED MY NECK FOR NOTHING!

DIDN'T EARN A DIME FOR FLASH THOMPSON'S LEGAL FEES, AND...

ARRGHH!

M-MY HEAD--! THE PAIN IS GETTING WORSE, INSTEAD OF BETTER! *MUCH WORSE!*

C-CAN'T GO ON! MUST REST!

S-SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TRY TO SHRUG OFF A HEAD INJURY!

T-THE RHINO MUST HAVE BELTED ME A LOT HARDER THAN I THOUGHT!

W-WHAT IF HE CAUSED SOME KIND OF PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE?

OH, NO! EVERYTHING'S GETTING *DARK*...AND THE WHOLE WORLD'S SPINNING!

WHA--WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?!

MEANWHILE...

NO SIGN OF PURSUIT!

I'M SAFE FOR NOW!

SAFE? THAT'S A REAL LAUGH!

THE AUTHORITIES ARE OUT HUNTING ME--AND GUYS LIKE THE *HOBGOBLIN* AND *JACK O'LANTERN* ARE FIGHTIN' OVER THE RIGHT TO KILL ME!

EVERYONE'S AGAINST ME! EVERY FACE I SEE--EVERY CORNER I TURN--COULD BE MY LAST!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? CAN'T EVEN TURN MYSELF OVER TO THE POLICE! THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE I WAS AN UNWILLING PARTICIPANT IN TONIGHT'S JAILBREAK!

THEY'D THROW AWAY THE KEY ON ME!

I USED TO ADMIRE SPIDER-MAN, BUT I CAN'T EVEN DEPEND ON HIM FOR HELP!

HE'S THE GUY WHO PUT ME IN JAIL IN THE FIRST PLACE!

THERE'S NO PLACE I CAN GO! NO ONE I CAN TRUST! I'M ALL ALONE!

BUT, I CAN'T GIVE UP! I GOTTA FIND A WAY OUTTA THIS MESS, AND *I WILL!!*

SOMEHOW...

TO BE CONTINUED!

NEXT ISSUE ○ *FLASH THOMPSON'S ON THE RUN! ROBBIE ROBERTSON HAS A* ○ *PERSONAL CRISIS! AND THOUGH SEVERELY INJURED, SPIDEY MUST FACE...*

"THE FURY OF X-FACTOR!"

PLUS! EVEN MORE SURPRISES!

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